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Memorandum

DATE: March 6, 2012

SUBJECT: FI 210 Wildland Fire Investigation

To: Students

You have been selected to attend the FI-210 Wildland Fire Investigation, Fire Origin and Cause Determination training session hosted by Danny Rhynes Training Center at Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base on June 4-8, 2012. Class will begin at 0900 hours on Monday, June 4 and conclude at approximately 1300 hours on Friday, June 8. Students need to bring their driver's license for ID at the gate, and give themselves at least 30 minutes to gain entry into the base each day. A government / agency vehicle is preferred.

Camp Pendleton
22131 Vandegrift Blvd
Oceanside, Ca 92054

Course Description: The primary purpose of this course is to provide a consistent knowledge and skill base for the Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination Investigator (INVF). The concepts taught in this course will help an INVF perform at an acceptable level on a national basis without regard to geographic boundaries. The course is presented by lectures, electronic presentations, field exercises and class discussion.

Target Group: Recommended training for experienced fire personnel and law enforcement officers with wildland fire investigation responsibilities.

Prerequisites: It is recommended that students have law enforcement or firefighter experience. This is an interactive self-paced pre-course work to familiarize students with the background information necessary to successfully complete the course.

Pre-course work and items to bring to class:

1. Pre-course material
2. Standard Personal Protective Equipment – gloves, hard hat, nomex pants and shirt.
3. Bring a lunch with you. There will be field exercises that will not allow you time to leave during break.

Laptop and digital camera has been helpful (although not required) by students who previously took the course. There will be team exercises and it may be helpful to have an air card for internet access since there is no internet access on the base

Pre-course material can be obtained on-line at <http://training.nwcg.gov/pre-courses/FI210/fi210.html> Scroll down to Reference Material and click on Start Tutorial. This pre-work must be completed and returned on the first day of class.

****ALL STUDENTS:** Please complete and return the pre-registration form to the training center no later than close of business **Monday, May 21, 2012**. FAX copies are sufficient.

Tuition: Your tuition cost is **\$500.00**

All students must submit a NWCG Nomination Form with proper agency charge codes and signatures for payment. Forms can be attained on-line at: "nationalfiretraining.net."

Billing Information:

Forest Service (Other Regions): The approved NWCG Nomination Form will be used for payment. This form must include proper agency charge codes and signatures.

Other Federal Agencies: The approved NWCG Nomination Form will be used for payment. This form must include proper agency codes, agreement numbers and signatures.

Other Non Federal Agencies: It is recommended that students pay with check or money order at the facility at the start of class. There is an additional **7.1% administrative fee** added to this tuition charge. If payment is not received, a bill of collection will be issued to your agency.

Cancellations: Cancellations must be made two weeks prior to the course start date. If a cancellation occurs after the two-week cut off and the slot goes unfilled, there will be a charge not to exceed the tuition charge for the course. **The last date to cancel for this course is May 21, 2012.**

If a student cancels within the two-week period and pre work has already been received, the student needs to return pre work to the training facility.

Dress: Students are to wear their agency uniform.

Lodging: A block of rooms have been reserved for students at Residence Inn San Diego Oceanside. Make your reservations by calling Marriott Reservations at 1 (800) 331-3131 or (760) 722-9600 on or before **Friday, April 20, 2012**, to ensure your room at the reduced rate. Identify yourself as part of the US Forest Service group staying at the Residence Inn San Diego Oceanside. You can also use the link below to reserve a room. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sanos?groupCode=usfusfa&app=resvlink&fromDate=6/3/12&toDate=6/9/12>

Residence Inn San Diego Oceanside
3603 Ocean Ranch Blvd.
Oceanside, CA 92056

Any questions regarding this course may be directed to your unit training coordinator or appropriate training representative. If you are self-sponsored, you may contact the training center directly at drtc@fs.fed.us

/s/ Kristel Johnson

Kristel Johnson
Forest Training Officer

Questionnaire – FI-210 Wildland Fire Investigations

To better meet your training needs and expectations, please take a moment to complete the questionnaire below. By completing this questionnaire it will allow the Danny Rhynes Interagency Training Center and instructors to better meet your training needs and expectations for this session.

- 1. What is your current position/title?*
- 2. What is your current grade?*
- 3. Have you ever attended fire investigation training?*
- 4. How many years of fire experience do you have?*
- 5. Have you ever investigated wildland fire(s)? If so, how many?*
- 6. What are you looking to gain from this course?*

Other Comments:

From I-15 take E. Mission Rd. west through Fallbrook.
 Turn south on Ammunition Rd.
 Turn west (left) on 19th street.
 Turn south on Vandergrift Rd. This will take you to the Pendleton Gate North. Follow Vandergrift Rd.
 Turn west on 16th St.
 Turn south on Vandergrift Rd. (16th is a short cut)
 Turn north on Basilone Rd.
 Turn south on Las Pulgas Rd. follow for approximately 2 miles.

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=210279681464082296168.0004bb1446a7d5aadaa6b&msa=0&hl=en&ie=UTF8&ll=33.341858,-117.328491&spn=0.068692,0.110035&t=m&z=13&vpsrc=1&iwloc=0004bb1446b00f8f92a74&layer=c&ei=IleT5fDCaqwoQS52MmXBw&pw=2>

From the I-5
 Exit Harbor Dr. north
 You will come to the Pendleton Gate South
 Harbor Dr. turns into Vandergrift Rd. north
 Turn north on to Stuart Mesa.
 Turn east on Las Pulgas Rd. follow to your destination.

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=210279681464082296168.0004bb13ec367264770d4&msa=0&hl=en&ie=UTF8&t=h&z=12&vpsrc=1&layer=c&ei=p4NeT--ZLaSyiQLpydmWBw&pw=2>

Directions to and from Residence Inn San Diego Oceanside/Camp Pendleton.

Estimated Travel Time: 15 minutes 8.6Miles

| Directions from Pendleton | | Miles |
|---------------------------|---|-------|
| | Depart Vandegrift Blvd toward Ash Rd | 2.3 |
| 1. | Keep straight onto Harbor Dr | 0.2 |
| 2. | Take ramp right for I-5 South / San Diego Fwy | 2.0 |
| 3. | At exit 52, take ramp right and follow signs for Oceanside Blvd | 0.3 |
| 4. | Turn left onto Oceanside Blvd | 3.3 |
| 5. | Turn left onto Rancho del Oro Rd | 0.5 |
| | Arrive at Rancho del Oro Rd | |